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FROM	Chief, <input type="checkbox"/> <b>WH</b>				ONLY QUALIFIED DESK CAN JUDGE REEDED
SUBJECT	CATUSK <b>DOVA</b> Request for BDC Check and Traces				
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES					
<p>1. CATUSK (Operational security) is requesting a Berlin Document Center check on the following individuals:</p> <p>A. Willem #*SASSEN van HESLOO DPOB: 16 April 1918, Gertrudenberg bei Breda, Federal Republic of Germany</p> <p>Munich files contain no index cards on Subject. (Please see paragraph 4, below.)</p> <p>B. Frederico (Fritz) #*SCHWEND <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> DPOB: 6 November 1906, Heilbronn, Federal Republic of Germany</p> <p>According to Munich records, Subject is also known as</p> <p>Fritz #*SCHWEND Fritz Paul #*SCHWEND-HERMANN Fritz Paul #*HERMANN Venceslav #*SCHWEND Frederico #*SCHWEND Friedrich #*SCHWEND, alias #*WENDIG, alias Dr. #*SAUTER, alias Major #*KEMP, alias Wenceslau #*TURI born 6 November 1906 in Bochingen, or Boechingen, or Heilbronn, Federal Republic of Germany.</p> <p>He has, to say the least, a dubious background, being recorded as in charge of the RSHA program involving the manufacture of false currency (British pounds) for financing GIS operations before and during World War II. (Full details should be available in his Headquarters file.) Please note that the file indicates that he and his wife Hedda escaped to Lima, Peru, from Germany through Italy and Spain in September 1946.</p> <p>Attachments: A. BDC forms, h/w B. Name trace forms, h/w</p> <p>Distribution: 4 - EUR w/att B <i>CS COPY FILED IN 32W-5-25/7</i> 2 - <input type="checkbox"/> w/att A 2 - <input type="checkbox"/> w/o att 2 - WH w/o att</p> <p>GROUP 1 EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC DOWNGRADING AND DECLASSIFICATION</p>					
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EGMA-72853		14 JUL 1969			
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EXEMPTIONS Section 3(b)

- (2)(A) Privacy ☐
- (2)(B) Methods/Sources ☒
- (2)(C) Foreign Relations ☐

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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE

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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
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<p>2. The <input type="checkbox"/> file contains a positive BDC reply on SCHWEND (EGMA-75155, 2 May 1963) which was conducted for WOFIRM as requested in MUNI-5532, 8 April 1963. The file also indicates that SCHWEND was traced for the Peruvian G-2 (HEID-3016, 12 October 1959, IN-8559), and also for CATUSK as Operational interest (MUNI-4699, 7 February 1963).</p> <p>3. We request that <input type="checkbox"/> retrace the BDC on SCHWEND so that we may have current copies of the positive reply for passing to CATUSK. We would rather not inform CATUSK that a BDC check had already been conducted on SCHWEND in 1963.</p> <p>4. On the same day that <input type="checkbox"/> received the request on SCHWEND, we also received the request on SASSEN van ELSLOO (Subject paragraph 1.A., above). Upon reviewing the <input type="checkbox"/> on SCHWEND, we noted that EGPA-45274, 16 January 1967 forwarded a report from a source of LNREAD which discusses the activities of SCHWEND in Latin America and his reported affiliation with the intelligence services of Peru and Bolivia (also see EGMA-69941, 25 January 1967), and his involvement with MEREX A. G. (owner Gerhard Georg MERTINS, <input type="checkbox"/> representatives in dealings in West German surplus munitions. Please note that paragraph 6 of the LNREAD report mentions the name SASSEN van ELSLOO as a former German SS officer who had then been living in Argentina for some 18 years and was a partner in the firm TECNICUM, S. A., Buenos Aires, a firm appointed by MEREX to represent their interests in Argentina.</p> <p>5. The CATUSK request to <input type="checkbox"/> on SCHWEND makes no mention of any past reference concerning his name trace traffic which we have exchanged with them. Two factors can be considered:</p> <p>A. It is not unusual for CATUSK to request traces without first checking their own files and, therefore, failing to realize that they have information on the Subject.</p> <p>B. It is possible that SCHWEND is indeed an agent of CATUSK whom they may well be using as a penetration of the Peruvian and/or Bolivian Services. In that case CATUSK may have purposely made no mention of the past traffic on SCHWEND, and forwarded the request on SASSEN van ELSLOO simultaneously in order to test us for whatever information, in addition to our normal BDC reply, we may send in reply concerning the two men (especially the information reported by the LNREAD source of paragraph 4 above).</p> <p>6. With Headquarters concurrence <input type="checkbox"/> intends to forward the positive BDC reply on SCHWEND and whatever turns up from the BDC on SASSEN van ELSLOO both in the same memorandum, since they were received from the same office on the same day. We will direct CATUSK's attention to the past correspondence on SCHWEND, and will make no further mention concerning SASSEN van ELSLOO. At the same time we will query CATUSK as to their current interest in SCHWEND. Please advise.</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/>: BDC forms are attached. Please forward one copy each of all available information to EUR and <input type="checkbox"/>.</p> <p>8. Chief, EUR: Name trace forms are attached for tracing CENTREG.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></div>		
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## NAME TRACE REQUEST FORM

Ref/Control No. MS-694

To: DAD 513th A-2 OSI USAREUR  
CENTRAL  
REGISTRY

Date Due: \_\_\_\_\_

From: ONI BIV SSD ASBW  
DAD LIAISON OFFICE

I. 1. NAME SCHWEND Frederico (Fritz)  
Last First Middle

2. Aliases/Variants/Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Date of Birth: 6 November 1906 4. Place of Birth: Heilbronn, West Germany

5. Citizenship: a. Present \_\_\_\_\_ b. Previous \_\_\_\_\_

6. Present Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Past Residences: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Present Employment (Occupation): \_\_\_\_\_

9. Past Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

II. Agencies Previously Traced by Requestor and Dates: DAD 66th 513th

A-2 OSI ONI BIV SSD ASBW

Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

III. Reason for Trace Request: SECURITY - ALL INFO

### RESULTS OF RECORD SEARCH

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ The Files of this organization reflect no record on Subject.  
☐ The Files of this organization reflect the following information:

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1. 15 July 1969

Ref/Control No. MU 693

To DAD 513th A-2 OSI USAREUR  
CENTRAL  
REGISTRY

Date Due. \_\_\_\_\_

From ONI SIV BND ASBw

DAD LIAISON OFFICE

I. 1. NAME SASSEN van HLSLOD Willeen  
Last First Middle

2. Aliases/Variants/Maiden Name. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Date of Birth. 16 April 1918 4. Place of Birth. Gertrudenberg bei Erden,  
West Germany

5. Citizenship: a. Present \_\_\_\_\_ b. Previous \_\_\_\_\_

6. Present Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Past Residences: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Present Employment (Occupation): \_\_\_\_\_

9. Past Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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A-2 \_\_\_\_\_ OSI \_\_\_\_\_ ONI \_\_\_\_\_ BIV \_\_\_\_\_ BND \_\_\_\_\_ ASBw

Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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